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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KAZUNARI MATOBA

Serial No: 09/909,026

Filed: July 19, 2001

For: IDENTIFICATION TYPE INSTRUMENT
ASSEMBLY, IDENTIFICATION TYPE
ADAPTER, IDENTIFICATION TYPE
TUBE, AND MEDICAL APPARATUS
USING THEM

Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Ralph A. Lewis

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the Response filed via facsimile on July 29, 2002 in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 (amended) has been amended as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) An identification type instrument assembly detachably connected to a main body of a medical apparatus for use in diagnosis and treatment, comprising; an instrument and, a tube detachably fitted to said instrument for connecting said instrument to said main body, said tube housing identification signals output means for actively outputting self-identification signals prepared in advance under a predetermined procedure, said identification signal output means sending said self-identification signals to said main body when receiving electric power from said main body upon connecting said identification type instrument assembly to said main body via said tube.